

Sun Reporter Taken for 'Ride' into Hills

By DANA MCGAUGH

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(Ed Note: Background of McGaugh, staff writer for the Lafayette Sun and Orinda Sun, includes work as a police reporter on the Arizona Republic in Phoenix, covering civic vice scandals and gang operations in 1947 and two years as Associated Press correspondent in Southern California. Last October he was commended by the Associated Press for his accurate coverage of the California Story of the Month, a bus-train collision near Ontario, which claimed 14 lives.)

I was taken for "a ride" early Wednesday morning and dumped in the Berkeley hills with a warning to "lay off" stories concerning county gambling operations.

My "one way" ride followed the evening I spent on the fringes of a meeting at the Crossroads Restaurant in Orinda where night club owners met with gambling figures to discuss future policy and "the heat" which has been applied to county gambling by the SUN.

The night club's parking lot was packed with long sleek automobiles until almost midnight but the bar was nearly deserted between 9 and 12 except a few women waiting for their escorts who were in conference in the second story "back room."

The night club began taking on the atmosphere of a bad gangster movie around 7 p.m. as the boys started drifting in for the meeting.

NIGHT CLUB OWNERS rubbed shoulders with prominent East Bay gambling bosses and several close mouthed strangers from the East as they sat around the bar waiting for the conference to get underway.

Among the first to arrive was Bill Pechart, who drove up from El Cerrito in his luxurious station wagon. Pechart, whose presence is a "must" at any gambling conference, immediately withdrew to the back room for a pre-meeting conference with some of the more important of the early arrivals.

The bar did a brisk trade as the rest of the boys sat around waiting for the word to "move upstairs."

There was an air of tension as those waiting eyed each other

warily and engaged in polite restrained conversation. An undercurrent of mutual distrust was apparent among the three groups mentioned above.

Conversations were low and guarded and were concerned with discussion of "deals" and the "heat" being applied by the SUN and Tribune in their news columns.

BY 8:30 THE REAR PARKING LOT was filled and the waiting group moved on upstairs, with the exception of one swarthy, nattily dressed stranger who loitered near the telephone awaiting a long distance call from Chicago.

From then on late comers straggled through the bar to be motioned discreetly upstairs by the bartender. Some of the more important visitors used the back staircase to the meeting room, thus avoiding the scrutiny of diners and bar patrons.

One eagerly awaited visitor was Jimmy Tarantino, "man about town" and Hollywood publisher. Apparently the meeting was held up for his arrival, but he didn't show. Or if he did, he entered and left the backroom by way of the rear stairs.

BY 10 O'CLOCK the downstairs bar was deserted except for myself and the bartender and it was impossible to avoid detection as an interested observer. The parking lot was still jammed.

I was interested in waiting in hopes of eavesdropping on the Chicago telephone call. In response to the bartender's questioning, I told him I was waiting for a friend who was to drive me to my home in Berkeley.

From 10 o'clock on the bartender became most solicitous about my chances of getting a ride home. In his concern for my welfare he consulted with the restaurant owner, Don Thompson, who then made me one of the most generous offers I've ever received from a bar management.

He walked over to my stool and offered his assistance in getting me a ride for the whole twelve miles to Berkeley.

"If you want to go home," he said, "I'll be glad to arrange a ride for you. I know some one who's going straight to Berkeley in five minutes."

I turned down his kind offer with thanks and resumed my by then obvious vigil. I knew I was spotted but determined to stick it out until that mysterious phone call came through.

AT QUARTER OF ELEVEN the bar telephone rang and the

swarthy loiterer stepped over to the bar and answered it. After a brief significant conversation he transferred the call to the back room.

A few minutes later the phone rang again and he repeated his previous short conversation and then disappeared through the door to the conference room.

In about 10 minutes I was again offered the ride home which I declined and shortly afterwards the meeting broke up. By then the bar was crowded with regular trade but within five minutes the parking lot was deserted.

VERY FEW OF THE GROUP REMAINED in the club. The rest went immediately to their automobiles and drove away hurriedly. About half of them used the rear stairs.

It was apparent from attitudes of several of the men that things hadn't gone quite to suit them. Others, the Easterners in particular, appeared quite pleased with results of the get-together.

Pechart's face bore a solemn, thoughtful expression and he remained in the bar a short while in a corner huddle with several others who remained behind.

I left the night club shortly before midnight and walked to the Crossroads to catch a bus.

I had been standing there for a very short time when a 1940 or 1941 Chevrolet sedan pulled up and the two men offered me a lift.

I should have known better. My mother taught me a long time ago not to accept rides from strangers. But I was tired and I didn't question the sincerity of the offer, particularly since the car had apparently come down the highway from Lafayette.

They opened the front door and I climbed in and settled back for the 15-minute drive.

BUT JUST THIS SIDE OF THE TUNNEL the driver took a side road and I prepared myself for the worst. A couple of miles up the road the car stopped and I was shoved out.

As I picked myself up from the ground the man nearest me growled "Next time don't be so smart, or it'll be worse." And the car drove away.

As I walked back to the highway in the early morning cold, nursing a bruised cheek and a barked shin, all doubts that big-time operations are moving in on the county were dispelled from my mind. It was no longer a matter of rumor or conjecture. I had seen it, heard it, and felt its effects.

Sheriff James Long Says: 'No Comment'

Sheriff James Long had "no comment" to make Monday morning when the SUN interviewed him by telephone concerning reports of gambling operations on Tunnel Strip.

Here is the verbatim conversation between Sheriff Long and Dana McGaugh of the SUN staff.

McGaugh: Have you seen our newspaper of January 6? Ed. Note: In which the SUN bared a bribery attempt by gambling interests and printed a story revealing slot machine and black jack operations in the area on New Year's Eve.)

Long: I have no comment.

McGaugh: Have you checked the truth of our news story?

Long: No comment to that either.

McGaugh: Would you affirm our story or refute it?

Long: No comment.

McGaugh: Would you mind telling the SUN, sheriff, just what method your office uses to see that laws against gambling are enforced in this county?

Long: No comment.

McGaugh: Do you have any patrol or similar setup in operation to make sure gambling laws are not violated?

Long: Listen here, young fellow, I have no comment to make to your newspaper on anything. I'm due in court in two minutes.

McGaugh: Then could I call you at a later date and get things clear?

There was no comment from the sheriff as he hung up the phone on the other end without as much as a word of goodbye.

Monday's one-sided telephone conversation was the result of a week's attempt by the SUN to locate Sheriff Long for an interview.

A week ago Monday the SUN sent a letter to the sheriff, along with a copy of the January 6 newspaper carrying the SUN's story on Tunnel Strip gambling. The letter informed him that a SUN interviewer would call him the following Wednesday morning.

From Wednesday morning until last Monday morning a total of 64 calls were placed to the sheriff before he could be reached.

Plan Fire Survey For Orinda Area

A re-survey of Orinda Fire District by the Board of Fire Underwriters is to be conducted within the next thirty to sixty days, commissioners have disclosed.

The check-up, first to be held in five years, may mean a re-adjustment of local insurance rates. Object of these periodical checks is to survey for fire protection coverage in the district, with recommendations for additional manpower and equipment needs to keep up with the growth of the community where deemed necessary.

The telephone number of the Orinda Fire Department has been changed, according to a report of Fire Chief Everett Wyatt. The new number is Orinda 6666. The old number of 6271 is still tied in for use until new telephone directories are issued, when the more easily remembered designation will be the only one in use.

Beyond calls for flooded basements and check-ups on flooded furnaces from local residents, there has been no special activity, according to Chief Wyatt.

Burglar Steals Photo Equipment

Edward Anderson of 43 Crest View Drive last week reported the theft of \$190 worth of photographic equipment from his home.

He discovered the loss when returning after an absence of about ten days during re-decoration of his residence. Reported missing were a projector valued at \$100, a \$65 camera and a \$25 light meter.

Pandoras Plan Hawaii Breakfast

The Hawaiian Breakfast at the Orinda Country Club being given by the Pandora Chapter on February 23rd at 11:00 o'clock promises to be an outstanding social event.

Committee members are hard at work with plans and preparations which will transform the Country Club into a Hawaiian scene. Food and entertainment will be in the Hawaiian motif and arrangements are being made to have flowers and lei leaves flown in from the Islands to be used for decorations.

Mrs. W. H. Mordy is general chairman with Mrs. T. E. Haley taking over the task of decorating with a crew of assistants. Mrs. Roy Price is in charge of all the details connected with the program assisted by Mesdames John Dorr, Fred Repp and A. D. Blacklock.

Hostesses for the day headed by Mrs. Ida Zamloch will be Mesdames J. H. Schwarck, Victor Richit, A. W. Elkinton, H. J. Frolich, Frank Hight, George Hickok and the president of the group, Mrs. Clarence E. Betz.

Mrs. A. K. Pettingill, telephone Orinda 2866, is ticket chairman assisted by Mrs. Roy Stuart.

Funeral Service Held For Mother of Orindan

Funeral services were held Thursday at Truman Chapel in Oakland for Mrs. Annie Laura Rees, mother of Lloyd Rees, former resident of La Espiral in Orinda.

Survivors include her widower, Claude Rees, another son, Claude Russell, a daughter, Mrs. Carlos Arroyo and a brother, Neil Tatton. She was a native of California.

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Gambling Interests Meet At Big Orinda Conference

Greyhound May Drop County Commute Service

Pacific Greyhound may turn its Contra Costa County commuter service over to the Key System of Oakland.

This was hinted last week in a letter from F. W. Ackerman, bus company president, to the San Rafael Independent of Marin County.

In the letter Ackerman said "the company has disposed of several unprofitable operations in the past year and we are discussing with the Key System the possibility that it may take over the Contra Costa commutation service."

"It would be a natural extension of the Key System operations," Ackerman said the company was dropping unprofitable lines so "other patrons would not have the burden of carrying those operations."

However, spokesmen of the Key System this week said their firm "has no desire to take over any further commuter systems."

At the present time, the Key spokesman said, their company has more than enough peak hour traffic without taking on any heavier burdens.

Ackerman's letter was written to the Marin County newspaper to let Marin commuters know that Pacific Greyhound "would not object if another commutation service were established in Marin County, and would in fact cooperate with any operator who could be persuaded to take over all of the Marin County commutation service."

Ackerman claimed that Pacific Greyhound had already lost its \$1,500,000 investment in commuter service for Marin County.

Services Held For Orinda Man

Funeral service for Walter V. (Matt) Merchant of Orinda, who died Sunday, were held at Truman's Chapel in Oakland Tuesday morning, the Rev. Carl B. Anderson officiating. Survivors include his widow, Hattie May Merchant,



DICK HAFNER, JR.
new editor for college newspaper

Orindan Named College Editor

Richard P. Hafner, Jr., of Orinda, has been named editor of the Daily Californian, student newspaper of the University of California. He will direct the newspaper's operations during the coming college semester.

Hafner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Hafner, 49 Loma Vista Drive, Orinda, will graduate from the Department of Journalism in June.

Prior to his appointment as editor last week he had served a semester as assistant editor and a previous term as senior night editor of the publication.

He entered the university following two year's service with the U. S. Infantry at Camp Roberts and in Hawaii. He is best known in Orinda as an assistant mail carrier and for his work as a volunteer fireman.

Operators Hold Hot Discussion Of Future Activities In County

By POLITICUS

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Night Club owners and gambling operators from this end of the county met with county gambling big shots and Eastern gambling representatives Tuesday night for a policy session in the backroom of the Crossroads Restaurant in Orinda.

This meeting ties in with last week's now-confirmed report that Easterners have taken over Las Vegas and are preparing to infiltrate Contra Costa County.

THE BOSS

Importance of the session is shown by the presence of Bill Pechart, reportedly Contra Costa's gambling boss, from El Cerrito to take part in the discussion.

Jimmy Tarantino, Hollywood publisher and a factor in the underworld, was also invited, as were agents of Bones Remmer, San Francisco's "betting commissioner."

FULL HOUSE

They had a full house at the parley and discussion was hot and heavy when it came down to the chief subject: the future of operations in the county.

Major concern of the operators was proposed invasion of the county by Chicago and Cleveland gangsters. When the session ended, it was evident that there will be "cooperation" between the local group and the easterners.

LONG DISTANCE

Significant in this respect were the two long distance phone calls (one from Chicago) which were placed to the meeting, and the answer given from this end that "Things were cleared."

Incidentally those two calls served to break up the meeting a lot earlier than anticipated.

Terms offered by the Eastern gangs had already been presented to local operators and many felt they would get a better split than under the present setup.

Pechart doesn't seem to be too happy over the situation.

HOW IT WORKS

Tentative plans call for operators in Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek and Central Contra Costa to accept the friendly protection

of the Easterners in place of the present Pechart regime.

Results of Tuesday night's meeting seem to indicate the Eastern invasion will be a peaceful one, at least for the present. Plans are for a line to be drawn down the center of the county with the eastern portion to be given up by the present gambling setup in return for assurance there will be (Continued on Page Eight)

Orinda Schedules Sewer Discussion

Residents of Moraga Estates will get a chance to find out about their sewer assessments Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at a meeting of Orindans Inc., in the Orinda Community Church.

On hand to answer questions will be R. E. Wadsworth, president of the Sanitary District Board. Some of the questions to be answered include sewer bid procedure, group cooperation on bids and type of pipe necessary, according to B. E. Mallary, president of the organization.

Dr. Kimball, chairman of the committee on restriction observance, will make a report and seek advice on community property.

The nominating committee will recommend the following officers for the coming year: Stanley Allen, president; Ned Fowler, vice-president; Don Skilling, secretary-treasurer; R. D. Wadsworth, A. D. Henry, Judge D. Nebeker and B. E. Mallary, directors.

New System To Eliminate Delay In Home Building

Home building will be speeded up and mixups avoided through a new system set up by the Contra Costa Planning Commission in cooperation with the Federal Housing Authority.

Under the new system prospective home builders planning to finance construction with Federal loans are asked to submit their plans to county planners for approval before seeking the FHA loans.

In the past there have been several instances where homebuilders have been granted FHA loans only to find their building plans did not meet zoning and other restrictions of the county code.

Applications for ordinance exception permits then ate up three or four more weeks' time while the hapless builder waited for space on the planners' crowded agenda.

Planning Technician Thomas Heaton said the new system was worked out through the cooperation of H. J. Wrin of the San Francisco FHA office.

Acalanes School Architect Chosen Stanford Speaker

Ernest J. Kump, San Francisco architect and one of the country's leading school designers, is serving as visiting lecturer in architecture in the Stanford University Art Department during the winter quarter.

Mr. Kump, who lives on Arastadero Road in Los Altos, is a designer of numerous high school and elementary school buildings in Northern and Central California and has won national architectural awards for his work.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City has described his designs of the Fresno City Hall and the Acalanes High School at Lafayette as "among the most outstanding examples of modern American architecture of the past decade."

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February Meeting Date Chosen For School Institute

Teachers of six school districts will hear bay area and local speakers at a one-day institute February 3 in Acalanes Union High School.

Dr. Harold Spears, assistant superintendent of San Francisco schools, will address the morning session on "Some Problems We Face in Teaching Today," and Ed Whitmore of Laney Trade and Technical Institute in Oakland will speak on "Safety on the Highway."

In the afternoon a panel will discuss local district problems. The speakers will include two representatives from each school district — Canyon, Moraga, Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek Elementary and Acalanes Union High School. Neil M. Parsons, superintendent of the high school, will act as chairman, and Dr. Spears will summarize the discussion.

Mrs. Grace Thomson, head of the accounting department of the county school department, will meet with secretaries of the various schools at 1:30 p.m.

Officers Chosen By DAR Group

At the organizational meeting which was a delightful luncheon served at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lyon in Lafayette, the newly-formed Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution elected officers and committee members.

Officers who will lead the group for the coming term were chosen Thursday, January 12th, date of the meeting. They are: Regent, Mrs. Harvey Lyon; Vice Regent, Mrs. A. L. Ammen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dana Hamlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robert Pruitt; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Murray; Historian, Mrs. Ernest Ford; Registrar, Mrs. Andrew Young; Librarian, Mrs. George Bennett; Chaplain, Mrs. Ralph Dewey, and Mesdames Fred Knoble and W. H. McClymonds, members of the Educational committee.

Mrs. A. L. Ammen will be hostess to the group at the next meeting which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lyon February 6th. Luncheon will be served to the members at 12:30.

Future meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of every month.

PTA Baby Clinic To Open Monday

The first of three classes which will provide instruction for volunteer assistants for the Well-Baby Conference which is sponsored by the Lafayette P.T.A. will be held Monday, January 23, at the home of Mrs. Rade Sadler on Hawthorn Drive in Lafayette Oaks at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Sadler, who is Public Health chairman of the P.T.A., has asked anyone interested in this first lecture which will be given by Dr. H. Ketterer, assistant County Health Physician, to call her. The lecture will be illustrated.



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Our Horseman's Paradise

Though We Sometimes Miss a Rhyme We Print The Column All The Time

I'm glad to see that the two rhyming lines that usually head this column were back there this last week. When they don't get there, as sometimes happens, I miss them. That is, I miss the chuckle they allow me to enjoy.

Nope, I can't claim the credit for 'em. Some clever guy (Editor?) at the Sun office fits them in — sssiiipppp, just like that!

HUMPH! HELP! Will some of you brave, brave people please back me up by going out and catching that sly ol' Reliez Valley cougar? A very young friend of mine is candid enough to come right out and question the truth about there really being a lion brave enough to live in this district.

"It's awfully full of people around here," he states, "and wild lions don't like people. Besides, I haven't seen him! And if there was any 'ol lion tromping around here I bet I'd see it!"

If he keeps the pressure on he'll have me doubting that I caught a glimpse of the cat, and those others who have seen it here and there!

TRAILERING HORSES is fine experience. It teaches one to be sooooo flexible and adjustable to all contingencies. Anything can happen — and something usually does, at one time or another.

Yvonne Erwin, and her mother, Happy Valley, were pulling two horses over to the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride grounds last Saturday when something went wrong and one of the horses put its foot through the side of the trailer. Suzy, Yvonne's gray which she uses in the drill of the junior riders, the Concord Flying Horsemen, received a few bruises when it got down in the melee.

The other horse was going down, too, but everything was brought under proper control right away and it sustained nothing more serious than a twisted leg.

A man stopped in the other day

to offer me a price for my sorrel gelding. Out of a clear sky, for I haven't said I'd sell. He looked at the horse, resplendent (?) and dripping wet in his heavy winter "fur," and demanded: "Is this the one I want? Is he the sorrel you were riding all last summer?"

Then two women friends, who haven't seen the horses since they have changed from their sleek summer coats, came for a day and saw the two mares and the gelding in the pasture next door. "Whose horses are those?" they asked.

Another friend, here for lunch, and who knows my horses well, looked right out at my bay mare and said: "Say, I haven't seen that bay mare of yours around lately. What have you done, sold her?"

I guess they look a lot different in their winter "finery," eh wot? But it keeps them healthy and warm.

...ANY OF YOU have a good pair of matched riding horses you'd like to have change owners? These are wanted for western pairs competition, so you know they must be good as well as good-looking.

Another horseman who has just too, too many horses to ride all at once, is George Bennett of

Snow Throw?

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County Employees To Elect Officers

Officers for the new year will be elected by the Contra Costa Employees' Association at Memorial Hall, Martinez, on January 24. Raymond Stoffels, inspector in

the sheriff's office, is listed as a nominee for president to succeed Thomas F. McBride, deputy district attorney. Other names on the panel are: Harold De Fraga, vice-president; J. Paul Rhodes, treasurer; Dell Kay, financial secretary; Wilma Anderson, recording secretary; Charles M. Markle, McBride and Thomas M. McMorrow, for board of director posts.

Plans have been made for a Richmond locale for the February meeting.

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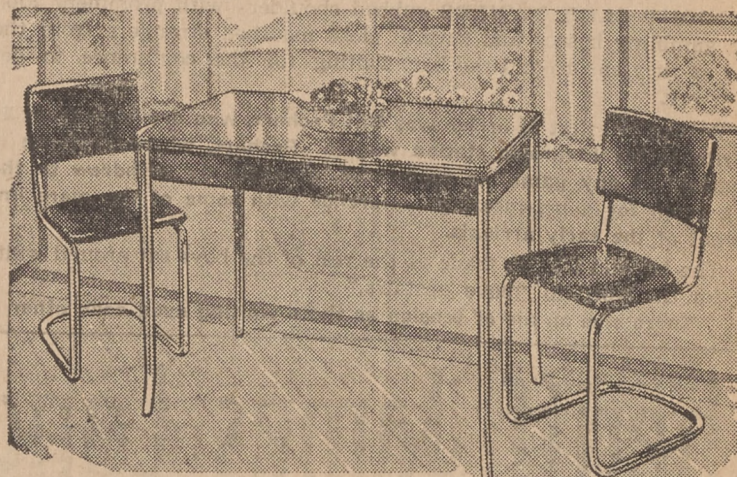
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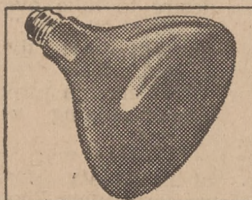
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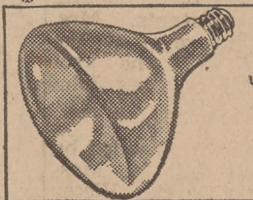
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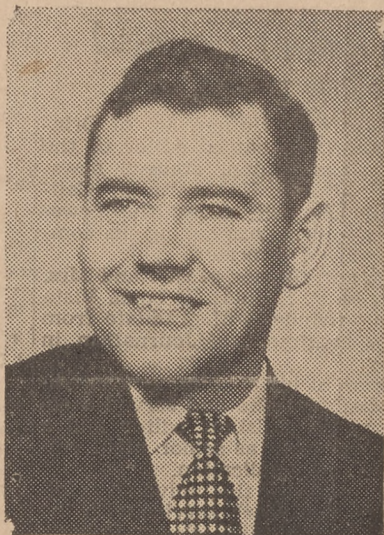


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FROM THE SIDELINES

By Coach Erwin Mattson

This is the time of the year when rules committees are in session for football and baseball.

Football rules as usual will have a number of changes to keep players, coaches, officials and the fans in a general state of confusion regarding new legislation and its interpretation.

One new rule allows a player on the offense or defense to run with a fumbled ball.

In the past the defense could not run with a fumble unless the ball was caught before hitting the ground. The rule was originally a safety measure but after the rule has been in force many years they have discovered that it causes more pileups and a resulting increase in injuries.

The much debated platoon system will remain in style but several other changes have been made but will not be of much importance until the pigskin parade starts next fall.

BASEBALL IS PROBABLY the most conservative when it comes to rule changes and fundamentally has remained the same since the game's inception by Doubleday.

Rumor has it that several changes are coming out in this year's version of the rules and regulations.

The strike zone has been changed to the advantage of the batter. The strike zone was originally any ball over the plate and between the knees and the top of the shoulders. Now it is said to be changed to letter high on the uniform and above the knees. Such a regulation gives the pitcher a smaller target and a better opportunity for the batter to hit that home run ball.

The plate is seventeen inches across and that is not too large a target as it is.

Evidently the rules makers have fallen in with the idea that fans like to see the ball hit and dislike close or low score games. The lively ball now used has also given the batter an advantage. Many professional teams have aided batters with short fences.

For some unknown reason right fields are usually shorter. Maybe because Babe Ruth was a left hander and popularized the home run! Rules provide no regulation for outfield areas and no two are alike.

Basketball regulations provide minimum and maximum requirements, and probably no two in the

league are exactly the same size which is a big factor in making the home court of great advantage.

One of the remarkable things in baseball has been the fact that the distance between bases and from home to pitcher have remained constant. The 90 feet be-

Therapy Center Elects Marvin Bonds President, Holds First Annual Meet

Business was transacted and reports heard at the first annual membership meeting of the Mt. Diablo Child Therapy Center held recently at the Walnut Creek grammar school.

New directors for 1950 elected at this meeting upon report of the nominating committee are as follows: Mrs. Erik Erikson, Orinda, Mrs. Joseph Connor and Neill Cornwell, Lafayette, Tom Evans and Arnold Bjork, Concord; Mrs. Thomas Edwards and David Holstrom, Danville, and George Tolman, Pleasant Hill.

The new Board retired and elected the following officers: Marvin Bonds of Orinda, president; vice-president, Derald Rasmussen, Pleasant Hill; secretary, Jock W. Wendt, Walnut Creek, and treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Connor.

Nan Wallace, retiring president, related the progress of the Cen-

tween bases and the 60 feet, 6 inches to the pitcher's box have been standard since the game was first played.

Softball has had many changes and varies from time to time as have other games.

Either Mr. Doubleday was lucky in setting up his distances or else he engaged in some careful research.

ter "from a dream to the establishment of the present rented quarters in Lafayette." She told the gathering that the Center is now a part of the community and cited the 270 individual and group commitments as an "evidence of interest in this movement."

Mrs. Wallace expressed thanks to county doctors, organizations, and the volunteer office staff for their cooperation and services. She complimented the Board of Directors upon their work and predicted success.

A treasurer's report is being prepared by a CPA and will be ready within a week or two.

Derald Rasmussen, speaking for the other directors, thanked Mrs. Wallace for her "untiring services" and presented her with a lovely gift on behalf of the Board.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Wynne Barber has been engaged as the administrative secretary for the Therapy Center. Mrs. Barber is on duty daily at the Center building and all questions regarding admissions or other matters should be addressed to her. The Center phone is Lafayette 3810.

A request for a charter as the first woman's auxiliary, presented by Mrs. Phelps Cady on behalf of the office staff, women Board

Celebrates Birthday With Skating Party

Carolyn Cullen invited all the members of her Brownie Troop to Rollerland last Saturday to help her celebrate her 7th birthday with a skating party.

Brownies invited included Joan Borden, Patty Ann Brown, Susan Donovan, Virginia Gibbons, Susan Kisner, Jane Lowman, Carol March, Cynthia Rasmussen, Karen Oelschlaeger, Janice Twining, Sally Young, Rachel Zamora, Margaret Bodfish and Arline Nichelmann. Carolyn is the daughter of the T. G. Cullens of Las Vegas Road.

members and wives of directors, was referred to the directors for action.

The Board of Directors met Friday night with the Medical Advisory committee to complete policy arrangements.

Lion Convention To End Tomorrow

George Barnes and S. De Angelis, Lafayette Lions, were scheduled to leave yesterday for Santa Barbara as delegates to the mid-winter convention of California and Nevada Lions Clubs. The session is to last through tomorrow, according to Barnes.

Thomas S. Nielsen, Past International Director of Lions is to be honor guest at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday night at El Nido. The official spent last summer and fall touring Europe and will present a Lion's observations of Europe as his subject. Owner of Berkeley Steel, Nielsen was instrumental in founding the local service club.

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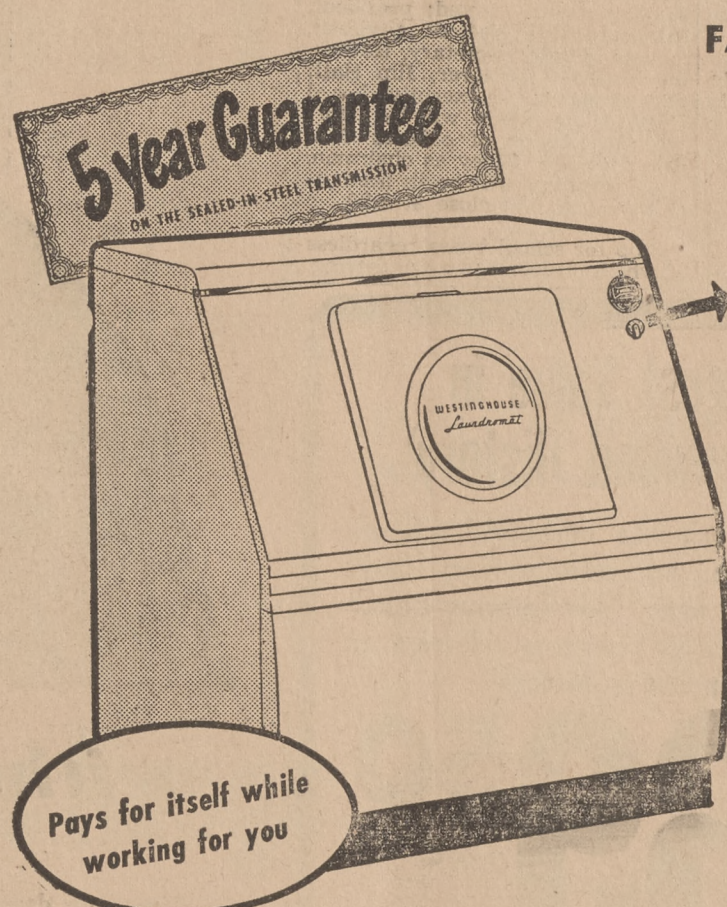
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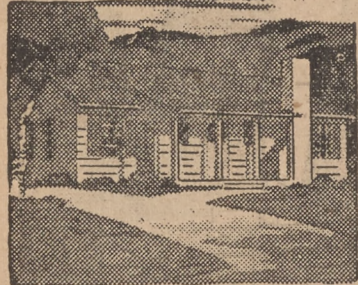
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Local UWF Group Elects Officers

Newly-elected officers of the Acalanes Chapter of the United World Federalists met at the home of Harry J. Sommer on Los Palos Drive Wednesday, January 18, to discuss the program for the next year.

New officers are Theodore Weber, president; Sewall Smith, vice-president and Mrs. Theodore Weber, secretary-treasurer.

Also present for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mesdames Sigrid Webber and C. W. High, Mr. B. O. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stone of Orinda.

Wild Goose Chase Is Success for Bill Ready

Bill Ready, son of the F. Edward Readys, is a pretty proud boy these days, and rightfully so. Bill is 10½ and in the 5th grade at Glorietta School. The Monday following New Year's Bill and his father, together with two other men, arose at 3:00 a.m. and drove to Gimes for some shooting.

Bill bagged a goose, all by himself, the first one shot on the expedition, commanding the admiration and respect of the older men. Bill has shot pheasant and duck before, but the goose set an all-time record in the family. Congratulations, Bill.

Clippers Gather Despite Weather

Ushered in by the season's heaviest down-pour of welcome rain on January 13th, the Clippers gathered at the new home of Joseph and Peggy Creighton on Moraga Via.

With the presentation of appropriate symbols of office, the following were initiated as the Clipper staff of officers for 1950: Skippers, Chuck and Molly Blue; Navigators, Wilbur and Mildred Twining; Radiomen, Edith and Horace Breed; Pursers, Ken and

Florence Beaman; Gunners, John and Gertrude Ogden; Quartermasters, Harvey and Peggy Wehmeir; Stewards, Ernest and Dorothy Rahmeyer; Chefs, Joe and Peggy Creighton, Kirk and Elizabeth Miles, and Bill and Jean Thurston; Chaplain, Fred Morrow.

Then followed a talk by Chaplain Morrow entitled "Implied Christianity" in which he reviewed his 1949 sermons. During the discussion which followed Mr.

Morrow listed his order of books to help when reading the Bible.

The out-going skippers, Ralph and Lucille Phelps were presented a gift, a potted camellia. To the continuing patter of raindrops wind blown against window panes, the cozy clippers inside were

served delectable refreshments by the chefs Hupps, Thurstons, and Turks.

On February 10th, the second Friday of the month, the Clipper flight will be to the home of Charles and Helen Gibbs, 134 Sleepy Hollow Lane.

I'm Frank...

WHEN I tell you that special table up in the front of the store is really a thing. Remember last week when we had the broom deal? ... Well, get a load of this! Next week we are featuring rubber door mats that retail for \$1.50 and we are offering them for .89.

Believe you me this is definitely the time of year in Orinda to check over your old door mats. Went out the other day and checked ours. You know, I was carrying our back mat to the incinerator before I discovered that it was Pete's (he's my boy) cocker spaniel, Sandy Olsen.

That Sandy is a dandy. He's tan now but we're figuring on painting him another color in the spring. Using Boyesen colorizer of course. We don't mean to imply that Boyesen Colorizer should go to the dogs but, if you have a house, a room, or anything else that's going to the dogs you'd better check with us and let us demonstrate this terrific paint discovery.

AS FAR AS WE KNOW, Johnnie Hull is the only boy in Orinda with his own private skating rink. Of course, last week it doubled in brass and served as a wading pond. During cold snaps he floods his patio, with a hose purchased at the Orinda Hardware, and builds up a layer of ice on which he cuts capers on the blades.

NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR to prune fruit trees and spray with dormant spray. Our pruners are jim crackers and we have everything in the line of sprays except throat. You get that at Frankie Delos, the apothecary's. (Man, what a word!)

Have you heard of Rix? That's the spray that came out last year and it combines the best of fungicides, insecticides and soil correctives. Rix controls mildew, peach leaf curl and red spider mite. It's an Ortho Product and is highly recommended by leading garden authorities. You'll get a kick out of Rix.

THE OTHER MORNING I was shaving and had just finished one side when Wilma called me to breakfast. I hurried into a seat at

the festive board since I am a thoughtful husband ... I'm also one to play it safe.

Following a most delicious first meal of the day it was off to work giving nary a thought to the unkempt side of my handsome kisser. (It is too "unkempt" ... I looked it up.) I didn't realize what an untidy thing I'd done until they fined me at Rotary Club for appearing unbalanced. It wasn't until five o'clock that night that I realized they weren't talking about my half shaven puss. Oh, well.

SAY, DID YOU KNOW the telephone number of the Orinda Hardware is 2585 and, when you use that combination of numbers it is a regular open sesame to good service. Just call Orinda 2585, place your order, and a fin looking chap will roar right up to your door with a smile on his face and a song in his heart.

It's so much fun to get a delivery from the Orinda Hardware that I go home during the noon hour twice a week and place an order. I call Orinda 2585, place an order, then sit near the front window in order that I might catch the first glimpse of the smiling young man as he turns the corner on his two left wheels.

No more of that though. In striving to keep abreast of the times we have disposed of the bicycle and pants guards and a shiny new truck is at your service in the future. It is still equipped with the smiling young man.

HAD LUNCH with a Miss America the other day. So it wasn't Miss 1949, she is one of the loveliest, most gracious ladies in our town.

It wasn't yesterday when I was voted the "boy most likely to succeed" at P.S. 67, Brooklyn, N. Y. You can have your Bebe and Jacques, I'll remain loyal to a charming Orindan named Faye.

Don't forget our bargain table. It is alongside of the Moe Light Display. And if you haven't seen the Moe Light display you've missed something and I mean that cause

... I'm Frank

Orinda Here and There...

FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Padgett Gathings celebrated her 5th birthday Saturday at an afternoon party. Her guests were Barbara Lobdell of Concord, Steven and Allen Sorrick, Mary and Katie Baker, Dick Stark, Peter Lamb, Clarinda Pelfer and brother Mark Gathings.

Honor 2 Orinda Women With 1 Birthday Party

Mrs. Walter S. Nicklas of 200 Moraga Highway, entertained Monday afternoon with luncheon in honor of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Alwilda Nicklas, the occasion being her 84th birthday. Honors were shared with Mrs. Audrey Tyler, whose birthday was the same day.

A delightful afternoon was spent, admiring the many beautiful gifts and cards received for the occasion. Those present were Mrs. Clarence Hughes, Mrs. Irene Marshall, Mrs. Abe Doty and daughter Tara.

Paradox Chosen As Sermon Topic

At the morning worship service of Orinda Community Church Sunday, Rev. Fred R. Morrow will deliver the sermon on the subject "The Paradox of Striving," using the text "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for God is at work in you," from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:12-13. Music is under the leadership of Mary Elizabeth Tomme.

John P. Laird, Mrs. Verlin Fuller, Mrs. F. R. Devin, Mrs. L. P. Odenthal and Mrs. Barton Van Sickle are new members of the Sunday school staff assisting in various departments.

Robert Wickman Chosen Fellowship Prexy

At the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening the following were elected: president, following were elected: president, Joanne Willis; secretary, Katherine Monroe; treasurer, Jim Hall; and advisor to the executive board Roger Dunn. There will be a formal installation of officers Sunday with Joe Conley as chairman. All meetings will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and close at 8:30.

Stop for school buses regardless of which direction you are driving.

Orinda Home Group Hears Color Talk

The Orinda Home Department will meet next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Courant, 224 Las Espiral. Topic will be "Color in the Home." Mrs. Katherine Pettengill is in charge.

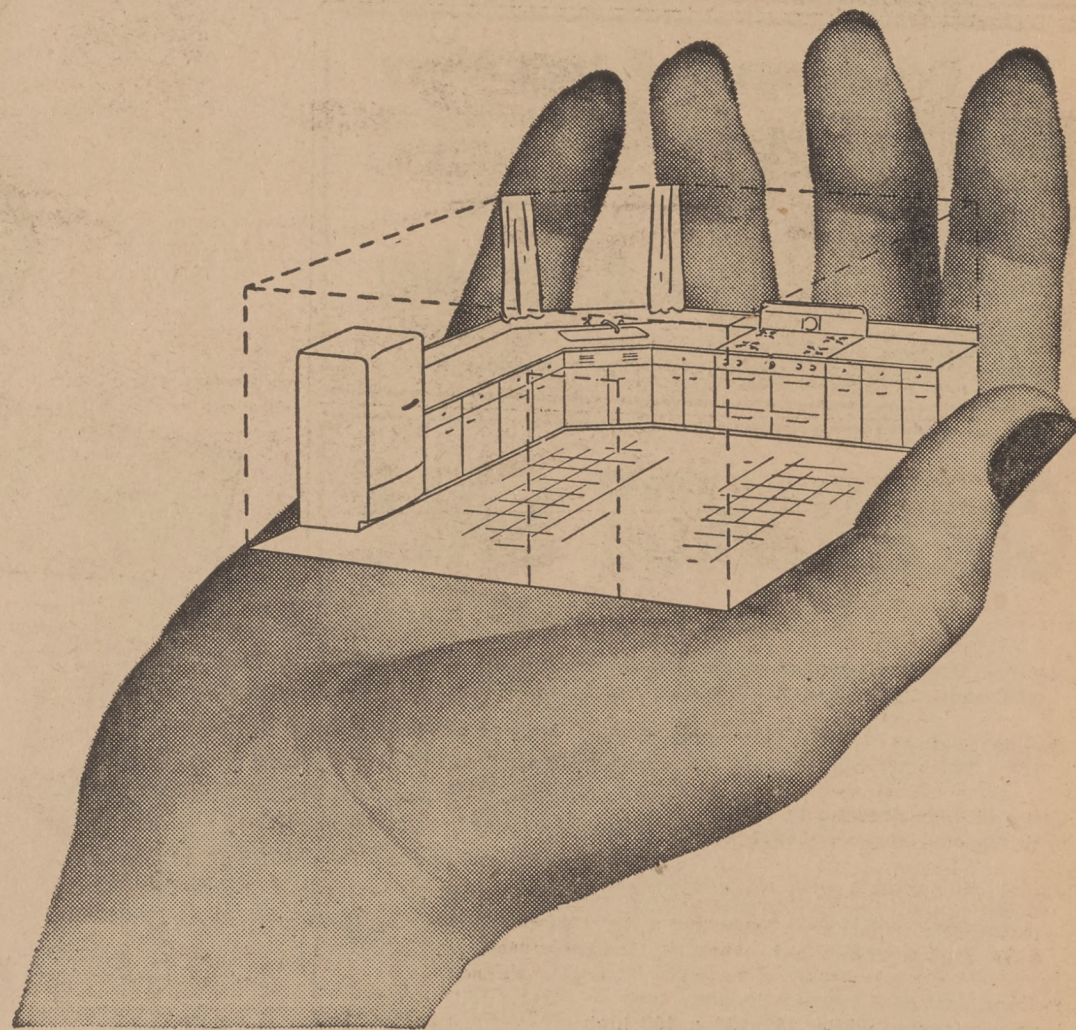
HONOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Mrs. William H. Mordy will be hostess at a tea at San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel tomorrow, honoring Carol Jane Ackerman, bride-elect of Richard Browne Kilner. Many of the guests will be Stanford friends of the bride-to-be.

BABY SHOWER

The mothers of the Brownies of the second grade gave a delightful baby shower to Mrs. R. P. Rasmussen at the home of Mrs. W. O. Nichelmann last Tuesday. Mrs. Rasmussen has been active in troop work as an assistant to the leader, Mrs. Thomas Cullen. She was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Those present were Mesdames C. F. Borden, Fred Twining, Drexel Gibbons, Howard Kiser, Thomas Cullen, Don March, Frank Wright, H. A. Donovan James Brown, and Lowman.

Here's kitchen freedom...



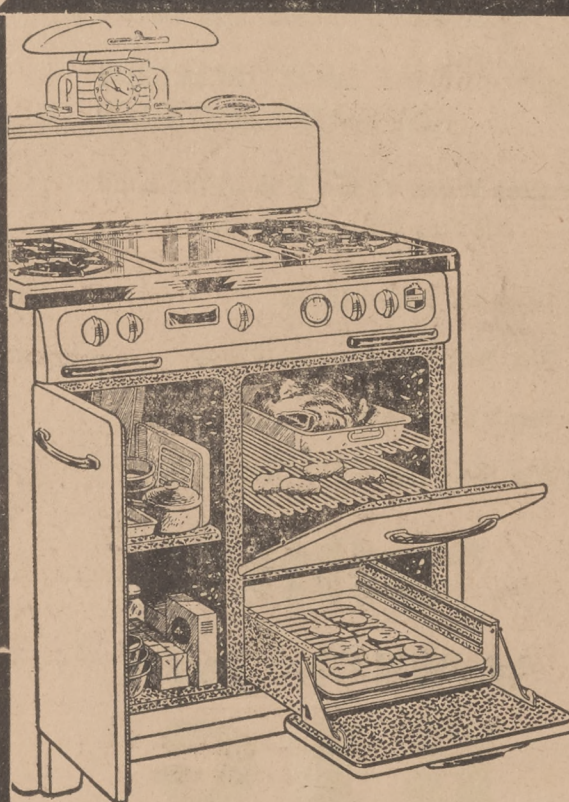
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Community church Officers Selected

The annual business meeting of the Orinda Community Church was held Wednesday evening in the church hall, preceded by an informal supper. Reports, given by all the church officers and groups, indicated substantial progress in every department.

Rev. Fred Morow asked for adoption of by-law revisions which will bring further efficiency and coordination into the organization, and suggested a concerted effort

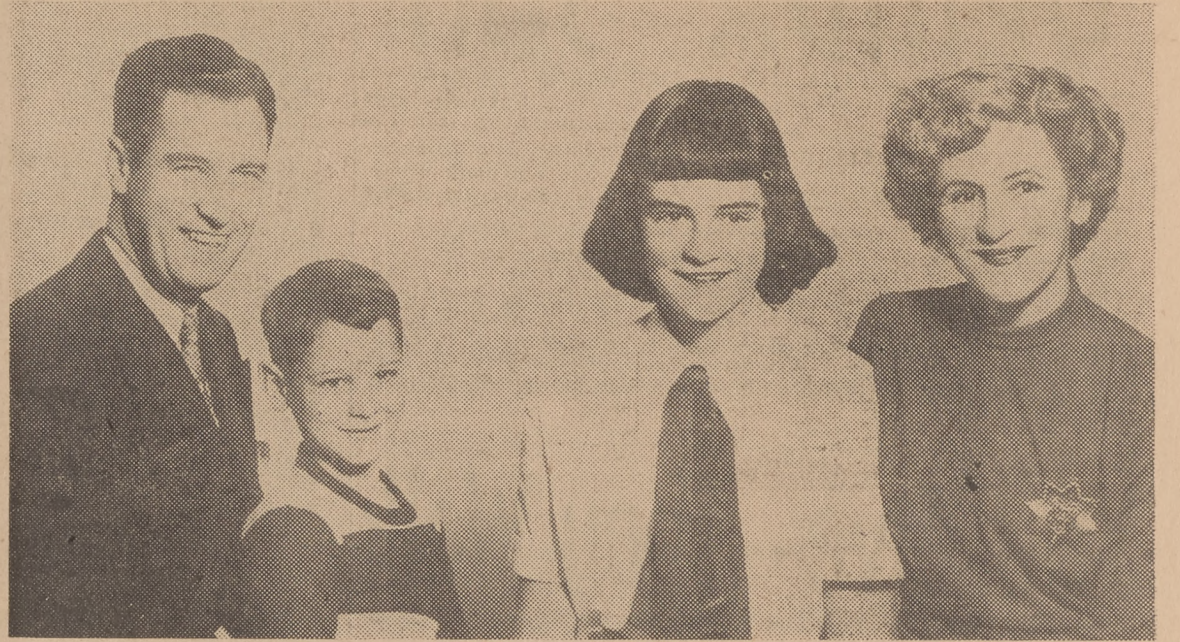
during the year to increase the church's membership.

With Bryan O. Wilson as moderator, the meeting considered business including adoption of a budget for 1950 and election of officers and board members for the year. The nominating committee, E. D. Howe, Mrs. Horace Breed and Mrs. S. M. Hudd, presented a ballot which was unanimously approved, as follows:

Moderator, Ralph H. Phelps;

clerk, Mrs. Carrie L. Brown; treasurer, E. J. Turk; auditor, Jas. G. Hupp; Sunday school superintendent, E. D. Howe; director of music, Mrs. K. Tomme; deacons, W. E. Davis, C. P. Englesman, E. J. Fowler and G. M. Trimble, Jr.; deaconesses, Mrs. W. H. Mordy and Mrs. W. P. Mott; trustees, George S. Bennett (3 years), and Mrs. Harper Wright (2 years); board of Christian education, J. W. McFarland, Kirk Miles, and Mrs. John Ogden, each for 2 years, and Mrs. Paula Collings and Mrs. Henry Harris for 1 year.

Family Portrait



FAMILY PORTRAIT chosen for this week's SUN is that of the F. Ashton Smith family of Orinda. Mr. Smith is a manager with Permanente Metals, Vaughn is an Orinda Union School student, as his sister Gail. In addition to her duties as mother and wife, Mrs. Smith is active with the Orinda Dramateurs. Not in the picture but a definite part of the family are two dogs, Cinder and Charcoal and a cat, Blue Boy. (Sun Photo by Victorina Willson)

By VICTORINA WILLSON

Today our camera has recorded for you Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashton Smith of Orinda and their attractive daughter Gail and very active young son, Vaughn.

The Smiths came to California from Chappaqua, New York two years ago. They all drove West, including Cinder the dog, and sang "California Here We Come" all the way with great enthusiasm. Before settling in Orinda they carefully inspected all the Bay

Area and naturally — but let me quote Gail's words "Orinda was just perfect because it is so close to the city, yet it is out of the fog belt and we have all the beautiful hills and the people are wonderful." Now what could be added to that.

Gail, who is thirteen, attends the Orinda Union School eighth grade. She recently tried out and was selected for the important role of Fluffy Adams in the Orinda Dramateurs play "Junior Miss." The play, by the way, will be presented sometime in February. From the strict rehearsal schedule and the work they do I'm sure that "Junior Miss" will be an excellent and polished production. But Gail said that although they work very hard everyone enjoys it very much.

Mr. Smith is Product Manager of the Foil Division of Permanente Metals. I didn't quite know what Foil Division meant and he informed me that they make aluminum foil a product that aside from all its industrial uses is be-

coming very familiar in all our homes, especially our kitchens. When not busy at his position, which includes flying trips all over the United States, he enjoys his workshop. And his wife said he is very good, having made his own work table and several cabinets. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Orinda Mother's Club.

She remarked that she particularly enjoyed missing the snow (although this year it almost caught up with her). She also enjoys swimming and all outdoor sports. They are members of the Orinda Country Club.

Seven year old Vaughn also attends Orinda Union School and is in the second grade. Vaughn received a toy road grader for Christmas and has been busy ever since, rains permitting, constructing super highways and roads all around the house.

To complete the Family Portrait we must mention not only Cinder, but the newer addition Charcoal, also a Springer, and Blue Boy the Maltese cat.

Sunday School Teachers Meet

Seventeen members of the teaching staff of the Sunday School of the Orinda Community Church met January 10th at the home of Mrs. George Mulligan.

The meeting was opened with a talk by Mrs. W. P. Mott on "Why We are Sunday School Teachers." The group was told how to use the new booklets prepared by Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Jesse McMillan, and Mrs. James Hupp with memory work for the children of all the grade levels.

The plan is to send a booklet to every family represented in the Sunday School, and to follow this up with an explanation by the teacher, and a request of the co-operation of the parent to see that her child or children try to learn the Bible passages given for his grade. This booklet was put together by the girls of the 5th and 6th grades.

On February 15th the Council will meet at the home of Dr. Howe and will hear an interesting talk by Miss Coe, a retired Baptist missionary and now superintendent of the Sunday Schools of the Saratoga Federation on "Sunday School Curricula."

Officers of the Council are president, Mrs. John Ogden; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Paula Collings, and ex-officio officers Dr. Howe and Mr. Morrow.

12-15 Club Meets At Wilson Home

The 12-15 Club met January 11 at the home of Mrs. B. O. Wilson on Canon Drive. The new officers elected were Mrs. Arthur Smith, president; Mrs. B. O. Wilson, secretary-treasurer; and a budget committee composed of Mrs. Challis Gore, Mrs. Leo Alexander and Mrs. B. O. Wilson who will meet soon to plan the finances of the year.

The out-going president, Mrs. Challis Gore, was presented a gift. As in the past, the principal project of the year will be the making of layettes for the Booth Memorial Hospital.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. D. Campbell, 488 Merritt Ave., Oakland.

License Deadline Is Not Far Away

Motorists are reminded by the Motor Vehicle Department that the February 4th deadline for buying penalty free license tabs for 1950 is approaching very rapidly. Demand for the automobile licenses has been so light that much of the extra help hired for the expected rush has been laid off, according to Department officials.

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You Give--They Walk

The child just lay there and looked up at the nurse. Sweat beaded his forehead. Those packs were hot.

Down the corridor a few doors away came the rhythmic pulse of a respirator. In another part of the hospital the click of braces could be heard, the tap of canes, the splashing of youngsters in the hydrotherapy pool.

These boys and girls, some from Lafayette and Orinda, had something in common. Infantile paralysis. It reached out to strike them down last summer. But they are coming back... coming back fighting hard, because you—and countless other good people have given them the chance.

Your contributions to the annual MARCH OF DIMES of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis made it possible.

The polio outbreaks of 1949 are now a thing of the past. That is, for those who escaped. But it is not over for some 17,000 of the more than 40,000 children and adults stricken last summer, who still require care and treatment this year. That number does not include patients of earlier years who still need assistance. Nor does it include the still unknown thousands who will be attacked by polio in next summer's inevitable outbreak.

A dime is not very much. Neither is a dollar. But if each of us contributes a dime or a dollar more than we gave before to the MARCH OF DIMES, JANUARY 16-31, we can help that boy sweating it out under the hot packs, we can help another youngster to breathe free of the respirator, we can get other boys and girls back on their feet—alive, alert, and able to go forward in hope to health.

Veterans Given Property Advice

Veterans who are purchasing property and have not yet received a deed must have a contract of sale recorded by March 6 to claim exemption, according to advice by County Assessor Justin R. Randall.

Many veterans, unfamiliar with the new procedure authorized by the last Legislature, may lose their exemption right unless they have the contract of sale recorded in the Hall of Records in Martinez, the county assessor declared.

In a message to all Contra Costa County veterans, Randall said: "If you wish to receive the exemption which is due you as a veteran, do not delay having your contract of sale recorded at the county recorder's office."

County Tax Group Increases Board

Contra Costa County Taxpayers' Association formally increased its Board of Directors by six new members at a special meeting of the directors held recently.

The new directors are: Gerald J. Deardorff of Danville, one of the county's largest growers and orchardists; A. J. Furrer, founder and owner of Furrer's pioneer stationery firm and a heavy property owner in Richmond; S. W. Selfridge, head of Standard Oil Company's tax department; Byron Shelton, Tax Advisor of Columbia Steel Company; Claude M. Stitt, Plant Manager of Fibreboard Products Inc., Antioch; and Walter S. Van Winkle, founder of Port Chicago and president of Bay Point Light & Power Co.

Hold-over directors who remain are: C. E. Fleager, president; D. C. Dutton, vice-president; J. D. Keith, Executive Committee chairman; Grant A. Burton; J. B. Corrie; M. L. Gillogly; E. R. Lasell; Armand Stow; E. I. deLaveaga. E. B. Hull, first president of the Association 23 years ago, now ill, was made director emeritus.

Parents Club Meets Monday

Parents club of Acalanes High School will hold its first meeting of the new year next Monday in the school cafeteria Mr. Richard Laney, Club president announced.

The program will consist of demonstrations, monologues, and short scenes presented by the dramatics students under the direction of Mr. Richard Nesbitt, school drama coach. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Laney invited all parents to attend. The meeting begins at 8 p. m.

Building Permits Total \$74,592

Building permits totaling \$74,592 were issued in the Lafayette-Orinda-Moraga area for the week ending January 13.

Permission granted on Lafayette building, with an estimated total cost of \$48,960, was as follows: residence and garage, \$8,100, Lot 8 Dolores Drive, Happy Valley Meadows, owner and builder Boies and Soule, Orinda; four residences and garages, three at \$8,100 and one at \$9,090, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 13 Dolores Drive, Happy Valley Meadows, owner and builder Boies and Soule, Orinda; machine shop, \$7,470, Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Reliez Station Road, central part of Rocca property, owner and builder W. E. Fraser of Berkeley.

Orinda-Moraga building totaling \$25,632 will be started with issuing of the following permits in that area: residence and garage, \$12,240, Lot 26 Longview Terrace and Orchard, Moraga Park, owner Robert F. Gee, Oakland, and builder J. K. Ellsworth, Walnut Creek; residence and garage, \$11,880, Lot 11 Acacia Drive, Orinda Estates, owner L. Odenthal, Orinda, and builder, California Cabinet

Polio Epidemic Over BUT Not for Him!!



Captain Sandford Sez:

AND NOW GENERAL "HAP" ARNOLD has joined the vast majority and only 63 years of age. I wonder how many people stop to realize that this man, along with countless others, in endeavoring to serve his country faithfully, gave perhaps more than he really had to give. Soldiers, sailors or aviators in time of war, and especially those occupying responsible positions, must give and give and give.

Where responsibility for the lives of others rests upon one man's shoulders, the strain upon that one man, if he is a good man, is terrific; a man's heart can only stand a certain amount of torture.

Might it be so that our so-called International statesmen are trying to scare up another war? Let us hope and pray not. And anyhow, the warmakers do not fight the wars. If they did, there just would not be any... wars... ever.

IF A MAN CAME AT ME with a dangerous weapon in his hand and I was armed I would most certainly endeavor to protect myself to the best of my ability. It is now often necessary for me to cross "Maniac's Boulevard" several times each day on the hoof.

I usually try to utilize a clearly marked pedestrian crossing; and as these power-drunk maniacs dash at me in their automobiles with murderous intent, can you tell me any logical reason why I should not carry my .45 Smith and Wesson and make an effort to protect myself in the clinches? I am quite a useful guy with a hand gun.

A STRENUOUS EFFORT is about to be made in order to commence a new Horse Show in Lafayette. The job is not an easy one and will require skill, knowledge, courage, tenacity of purpose and the whole-hearted co-operation of everyone of us. I know that it can be done and I am happy indeed to say that I believe it will be done.

THE OTHER DAY I saw a small boy in a candy store just drooling over the candy exposed for sale. The lady waiting to serve him was watching him closely and so was I. He was just drooling with anticipation, but unable to make up his mind. He suddenly squawked out, "Hey, what's the best deal you've got for a nickel?" Goodbye now.

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Letters to the Editor

DEAR MR. SILVERMAN,

Enclosed is check of \$7.50 to cover our own subscription, the balance to be used to cover two other subscriptions. We would like you to use your own judgment as to whom the subscriptions should be for.

We are doing this for two reasons; first, to show our appreciation and to give you support on the stand you have taken regarding the influx of gambling in our community and along the Tunnel Strip. Second, to enlarge your circulation so as to increase the effect of your efforts.

You are to be heartily commended on the position you have taken, one which should be actively supported by all citizens who have the interest of the community at heart.

Sincerely,
Frank and Alice Smith

DEAR EDITOR:

Congratulations and the best of success in your stand on gambling.

It will be such courage as yours that will protect this part of the country. Good Luck.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Emery R. Ranker

GENTLEMEN:

Enclosed please find my check for \$2.50 to continue my subscription for another year in your interesting paper.

It does seem to me however that you follow a line of policy that seems to support any bond issue suggested. I certainly believe in adequate public schools (although we need a junior college like a hole in the head) proper sanitation etc. but I also believe that an eye should be kept on the tax rate

which now is driving people "out" not "in" to our county because it is getting too high... and don't pull that "blame the relief in Richmond" stuff because it doesn't hold water.

There are subdivisions going on all over this county (second fastest growing in the state). Land carried on the tax rolls at say \$50 per acre is, when subdivided, reassessed to the roll at figures many times that per lot. Roads, water, etc. are installed by the subdivider, at no cost whatsoever to the county and then turned over to the county for free with a 1000% or 2000% improvement in value.

On these improvements and the houses built thereon the county reaps a great benefit of income from an otherwise dead duck. Taxes in Contra Costa should be going "down" not "up" in the overall picture of increased population to the benefits and protection enjoyed (the latter I believe is the yardstick for taxes in these United States).

If bonds are to be voted upon then see to it that they are placed upon the ballot in a General Election. At a time when the issue comes to the attention of us all at the same time and place of voting as other important national, state or civic matters — not on some Third Thursday of the Third week of the Third month at some hide-away other than our regular polling booth. The answer then may be a little different when the majority — not the minority of a minority — are counted.

Let's get on to the business of attracting people into this county not bonding and taxing them out of it.

Very truly yours,
LYDELL PECK

Acalanes Adult Classes Increase

Late registrations are still being accepted for many adult school courses Mr. David Stewart, adult director, announced today. Over 700 people have already signed up for the winter quarter.

Several new courses have been added to the program in addition to those announced earlier. New courses include a beginning ceramics workshop from 7 to 10.

Other courses open are Home-gardening, a course designed to teach planting and cultivating procedures for this area; on Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30, Mechanical Drawing and Blueprint Reading, geared to offer instruction on an individual basis; and Mental Health which deals with personal, family and group problems utilizing precepts of psychology and psychiatry.

This quarter photography classes will utilize models, study devel-

oping, enlarging and do dark room work. Picture composition and texture will also be discussed.

WORLD AFFAIRS OPEN

A few seats are still open in the World affairs discussion seminar. More new classes may be added to the program. If fifteen or more people express a desire for a course and instructors are available that course can be instituted.

One course that needs the required fifteen students is Social Dancing, a study of ball room etiquette and popular dance styles; rhumba, tango, samba and fox trot. A bookkeeping course may also be started soon.

Persons interested in open classes or any other information should call the high school between 7 and 10 p. m. Monday through Friday for further information.

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New 6 room home situated on level 1/2 acre spacious lot overlooking Saranap Valley. Not a tract home. Balance of \$10,374 can be assumed at \$73.00 monthly. New furniture will all be sacrificed at bargain price if desired. Early occupancy. Don't delay. This won't last. Davies Realty, 2343 Mt. Diablo Blvd., W. C. 3140, Lafayette 3553 evenings. 1-20-1c

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For the lucky buyer, level building site, overlooking Happy Valley. 4 acre. Walking distance Lafayette. Carriger, evenings Orinda 8347. 1-20-1c

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New Duplex

Each unit has one bedroom, living room, kitchen, breakfast nook, bath. Should rent for \$70 each. Sewer in and paid for. Price \$11,800. Down payment \$3,200 on F.H.A. As income property pays 12% on your investment. See Lee Davies Realty, 2343 Mt. Diablo Blvd., W. C. 3140 or W. C. 4357 evenings. 1-20-1c

Lot, approximately 100 x 190 feet. Only level lot not built upon in exclusive, restricted, Marianne Drive, Lafayette, \$3800. Lakehurst 2-6600, 3-5211. 1-20-1p

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2 bedroom home, 2 yrs., 2 car garage, fireplace. Will trade lot or car. P. O. Box 359, Lafayette. 1-20-1c

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We have qualified anxious buyers for the following:
A 2 bedroom home about \$11,000
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Phone now if you want to sell. HENRY ANDREWS Lafayette 3414 1-27-3c

Two bedroom house on one acre flat sandy loam. Walnuts, oaks, olives. Beautiful views. All utilities. Immediate possession. Price, \$9,250. Terms, liberal by owner, Mr. Perry, Cherry Ranch Subdivision, W. C. 2462. 1-20-2c

COUNTRY LIVING
Should be fun — Economical too with horses, cows, chickens, pets. One acre homesteads, all utilities, price starts at \$2,000 per acre. 15 miles from Oakland. Greyhound and school buses. Pleasant Hill Road. One mile beyond Acalanes High. Chas. Cherry Ranch — owner, W. C. 2462. 1-20-2c

Three lovely homes 12,000, 12,500 and \$13,000. Might G. I. or F.H.A. with reasonable down payment. All worth the money. Garrett and Garrett. Lafayette 4472. 12-2-tfc

For Rent

3 1/2 room unfurnished apt. back of Super Saver. Mrs. Mason, Lafayette 4889. 1-20-1c

Large sleeping room, private bath, fireplace, separate entrance. Call Lafayette 2533. 1-20-1c

Sleeping room. Private bath, \$30 month. Orinda 2032. 1-20-1c

Space suitable for dance class or club meetings. 248 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Call Hight 4-8498, 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 6 to 7:15 p.m. 2-3-3p

Unfurnished 3 bedroom house near Pleasant Hill School. Available Feb. 20th, \$110. Lafayette 3984. 1-20-1p

New modern offices available about February 1st. Heart of Lafayette, large and medium size. Moderate rent. Call Lafayette 2840 or see at 10 Hough St. 12-2-tfc

Two 3-room cottages. Walking distance, \$65 and \$70. Phone Lafayette 2008. 1-20-1c

Orinda — for lease Feb. to Sept. 2 bedroom furnished, central heating. Patio, barbecue. Beautiful location. Orinda 4741. 1-20-1c

Sleeping room. Twin beds. Close to transportation. Lafayette 2714. 1-20-2c

Sleeping room, private entrance and bath. Nice view. Gentleman preferred. Lafayette 2139. References required. 1-20-1c

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\$10 MONTHLY. NO. 12 HUGH ST. HAPPY ACRE REALTY BLDG. LAFAYETTE 4614. 1-13-tfc

Professional location, Lafayette Entire second floor above lumber office on Curve. Reasonable. Orinda 3241. 9-9-tfc

TIRE CHAINS all sizes, \$2.00 per week end. Lafayette Tire Service. Lafayette 4620. 10-21-tfc

Wanted to Rent

One or two bedroom house in Orinda, five months while building. Couple and two children. To \$80. Landscape 5-6729. 1-20-1c

Desire room with kitchen privileges or small apt. in or near business section of local towns. Moraga 4452. 1-20-1c

Unfurnished house, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 year lease by responsible couple, 4 year old daughter and housekeeper. Lafayette or Orinda. Please call Mrs. E. A. Merrill Jr., Orinda 8242. 1-20-1c

Need 4 or 5 room home. We promise good care of your property. Lafayette 2515, Adolph Panfili, Lafayette Fish Market. 11-25-tfc

Misc. For Sale

Florence table top gas range, white enamel. Also small upright piano, both very good condition. Walnut Creek 6575 or 2402. 1-20-1p

24 volumes Encyclopedia Britannica. 1945 year book, like new, reasonable. Orinda 2077. 1-20-1c

1 complete set Wearever aluminum, \$35. Valued at \$85. Phone W. C. 3955. 1-20-1c

PIANO — BEHR BROS. BABY GRAND, 4 foot, 10 inches, excellent condition; reasonable price. Also Hammond Solovox one month old. Orinda 6156. 1-20-1c

Thor Gladiron mangle, 1 year old, \$75. W. C. 6881. 1-20-1c

HOOPER FACTORY RE-BUILT CLEANERS
Guaranteed one year — \$29.95. Attachments available at \$12.50. Limited supply, terms as low as \$1.25 per week. 1-20-1c

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KENMORE WASHER, excellent condition, reasonable. Orinda 5371. 1-27-2c

Girls' Schwinn bike, full size, good tires, good condition, \$25. 1032 Esther Dr., W. C. 6345. 1-20-1c

Thayer baby buggy and Kantwet mattress, \$10. Duck rocker, \$3. Lafayette 2545. 2-3-3c

Pontiac 1947 4 door "8" good condition. One owner, radio, heater, etc. W. C. 5972. 1-20-1p

4 cu. ft. Frigidaire. Very good condition. Reasonable. Walnut Creek 4680. 1-20-1c

Walnut dining suite, nine pieces. Maple bed and springs. Bed almost new. Orinda 5421. 1-20-1c

WASHING MACHINES — twenty five — wringer type — traded on Laundromat and Bendix automatic. Prices from \$7.50 to \$49.95. 1-20-1c

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WOOD — pick-up truck load, \$7.50 delivered. **WALNUT CREEK LUMBER CO.**, formerly Stewart Bldg. Supply, Mt. Diablo Blvd., W. C. 4111. 1-20-tfc

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Good used upright. Perfect for recreation room, \$100.00. HEINE PIANO CO. Next to Wiseman's Laf. 2815 1-20-1c

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Used, but looks like new. Has light and minute minder. A real buy at \$119.00. See this to-nite. 1-20-1c

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Frigidaire, \$87.50. Circulating heater, heat control, \$38.50. Perfect condition. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday or evenings, 13 Hough, Lafayette 3595. 1-20-1p

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Rug, Bigelow 'Sonata,' new heavy green wool 9x10. Retail at \$187.0, will sell for \$125. Orinda 2232. 1-20-1c

Heater, gas circulating, 20,000 B.T.U., 8" vent pipe, like new. \$30. Mixer, Hamilton Beach, never opened, duplicate Xmas gift, \$30. Washing machine, Maytag, cast aluminum tub, balloon wringer, pump, excellent condition, \$40. Lafayette 4540. 1-20-1p

Camera, Argus C-3, 35MM; carrying case, sun shade, adapter ring, haze filter, chrome A filter, built-in flash gun, G.E. light meter model 8DW58Y4. All like new, \$85. Lafayette 4540. 1-20-1p

Foley F-16 bench type saw filer and saw sets. Acme circle saw sharpener. G. L. Woolley, Route 1, Diablo Club Road, Danville. 1-20-1p

3 way reflector floor lamp, \$5.00. Man's lightweight overnight case, \$5. Lafayette 2609. 1-20-1c

WATER HEATER — Gas, famous Servel ball type copper tank — double thick insulation. Regular price \$194.75. One only, \$123.88. Save over \$70.00. 1-20-1c

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Electric saw, 8 inch tilting arbor, Craftsman with 1/2 H.P. motor. Almost new, Reasonable. Phone Laf. 2620. 1-20-3c

FRIGIDAIRE, 6 cu. ft. \$50. Must sell. Moving. 30 East Mosswood Dr., Sunset Village, Lafayette. 1-20-1c

Rototiller, excellent condition, very slightly used, \$350. Call Orinda 5591. 1-20-1c

SEWING MACHINES, new and used. Call Danville 217 for FREE HOME DEMONSTRATION. 1-20-1c

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Ironite Ironer — deluxe model. With chair, very good condition, very reasonable. Call 5557 Walnut Creek. 1-20-1c

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New 1950 model Kelvinator Refrigerators and Home Freezers. KAREFREE KITCHENS Across from Post Office, Danville 1-20-1c

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1942 Jeep for sale, runs good. Lafayette 3636. 1-20-1p

49 Special Deluxe four door Plymouth sedan. Radio and heater. W. W. Very low mileage. Need money. \$550.00 and take over equity or best offer. Low payments. Danville 299J, 11 Tassajara Road, Danville, Calif. 1-20-1c

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Seasoned Oak and Fir \$29.00 and \$32.00 per cord. H. R. Alexander, 15 Pleasant Hill Road, Concord 3728. 12-30-tfc

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TELEVISION... FOR YOU?
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Pets For Sale
Very cute female Cocker puppy, 5 months old, unusual chocolate color. Has had distemper shots. Will sell for amount of Vet's bill. Orinda 8406. 1-20-1c

Free to good home, cute brown and white puppy, female. W. C. 5773. 1-20-2c

Female English Bull, 2 1/2 years old, wonderful pet or for breeding. Good whelper. Best offer over \$25. A.K.C.; inoculated. W. C. 3390. 1-20-2p

Jeep, civilian, 1946, side curtains, heater, governor, spare tire, extras, \$750. Used passenger car only. Good condition. Walnut Creek 2343. 1-19-2p

Chevrolet Coupe '37 model, powerful, clean, \$250.00. Orinda 8196. 1-6-tfc

Lost and Found
LOST — Black and white Springer Spaniel, female, on Moraga side of Orinda. Phone Orinda 5471, Brent Inman. \$10 reward. 1-20-1c

LOST — Young tiger cat almost full grown. In vicinity of El Nido. Any information will be appreciated. Answers to name "Tiger." Lafayette 4573. 1-20-1c

Work Wanted
Experienced ironer, cleaner, cook, by day or week. Glencourt 1-4140. Call evenings. 1-20-1p

MATERNITY NURSING, \$10 for 20 hours. Also all types of practical nursing cases handled. Phone Laf. 2609. 11-1-3mo.c

Colored girl desires day work. 80c an hour and carfare. Orinda references. Lakehurst 3-5692. 1-20-1p

Young man experienced in managing fountain and restaurant, catering, ice cream making, marketing, wants work in Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda area. Write Box 184, Moraga Road, Orinda, Calif. 1-20-1p

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Expert piano tuning, refinishing, rebuilding and repairing. Factory trained. Satisfaction personally guaranteed. HEINE PIANO CO. Lafayette. 1-20-tfc

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Excellent licensed home for children two to six, in conveniently located country atmosphere. Hot lunches served. Lafayette 3447. 11-4-tfc

Young married student desires any type work, Fridays and Saturdays. Excellent housecleaning service or general office work, typing, etc. Lafayette 3235. 12-30-tfc

General office work desired by experienced young woman, full or part time. Orinda 2230. 1-20-1c

Sewing machines, any kind repaired and overhauled. All work guaranteed. Call Lafayette 3595 after 1 p.m. and evenings. 13 Hough Street. 7-15-tfc

Help Wanted
Man for part time dish washing. Hours 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. El Charro Restaurant, Lafayette 9929. 1-20-1c

Power Tool salesman wanted full time by small local firm to cover county on commission basis. Under 35, car, references, some machinery knowledge. 2327 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek. 1-20-2c

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Bus. Opportunities
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in Martinez for rent. Fixtures For Sale. Inquire Joe J. Western in Walnut Creek. Phone Martinez 1971 or Walnut Creek 3186 1-20-1c

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Riders wanted: Alamo, Walnut Creek, Lafayette to Oakland, Alameda. 8 to 5. Danville 340R, Lakehurst 3-2387. 1-13-tfc

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WASTE PAPER & MAGAZINES WANTED Phone Lafayette 4539. 1-13-tfc

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ROOF REPAIRING. Leaks stopped, gutters cleaned and repaired. J. N. HINKSON Phone W. C. 4756. 9-23-tf4p

Gambling Interests Meet

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no competition in the other sector.

The contemplated move by the Eastern mobs is a continuation of

GAMBLING REVEALED

On January 6 the SUN disclosed that slot machines were moved in and black jack games held in Lafayette, Orinda and Walnut Creek night spots on New Year's Eve. It was a one night stand.

its process of infiltration westward. First Arizona, then Southern California gambling operations fell to the Chicago and Cleveland gangsters, and only two weeks ago they took over Las Vegas, lock, stock, and barrel.

TWO FACTORS

Two main considerations influenced local submission to Eastern demands.

1. Chicago now controls all race

wire service and the poor bookie can't tell a winner from an also ran without swift race information. At present all racing information from the east clears through Las Vegas, now in control of the Chicago group.

2. That same control is exerted over the manufacture of most slot machines and punchboards. Most of these items, at least the more popular types, are manufactured by "The Syndicate" and are available only to those who play ball.

NEWSPAPER HEAT

Also bothering the boys was the "heat" being applied in this area by stories published in the Lafayette Sun, Orinda Sun and the Oakland Tribune.

So now they're planning an attack on the advertising revenues of the three newspapers, following the lead of one night spot which already cancelled its advertisements in the SUN.

When the meeting ended, a few issues had been settled but at best it was an armed truce because nearly everyone was still unhappy.

One thing the boys did decide. They are certain gambling has a future in Contra Costa County as long as the present setup continues.

Pack 32 Plans Busy Schedule

The activity of the holiday season has carried over into the new year with the dens of Cub Pack 32, with handicraft projects and various special inspection trips planned.

Meeting place for Den 3 has been changed to the home of Mrs. David Wallace, with Mrs. Ed Solinsky planning the programs for the group as Den Mother. There are now eight cubs in the den, with new members Ricky Davis and Tommy Miles welcomed at the last session.

Members of Den 7 toured Langendorf Bakery plant Wednesday and are now authorities on "what's cooking." The making of wastepaper baskets is the present handicraft project of the boys. A new den, established in November, the members have already won distinction as "go-getters" with their earning of \$30 through special projects, which included the making and selling of Christmas wreaths, during the holidays. Roger Dexter has been named new den chief.

Den 10, with Mrs. Wallace Marsh in Den Mother role assisted by Mrs. Arthur Somers, is preparing to make wooden cigarette boxes which are to be trimmed with copper.

Each of the other Dens is also occupied in special handicraft activities and in carrying out plans for their comprehensive program for the year.

Water ... Water Everywhere ...

It was wetter than even you thought in Orinda last week. A whole 6.21 inches of rain fell in that time.

This brings rainfall this year to 14.53 which is no all time record but is certainly better than average. Those rains caused a little damage too.

On El Camino in Moraga homes without sufficient drainage were damaged by water and in a couple of cases shifted enough to break gas lines. Monday night the rain loosened enough dirt and rock to cause a serious landslide just this side of the Tunnel.

Traffic was tied up for an hour until the road department could clear the debris.

In the matter of temperature, it was a wee bit warmer. Warmest day was Wednesday with a high of 56 degrees. Mercury dropped to 23 degrees on Sunday.

22 Cubs Receive Webelos Awards

In the first graduation ceremony of its kind in Orinda, 22 members of Cub Scout Pack 32 received graduation certificates and Webelos badges for advancement into scouting at special exercises at Orinda Grammar School January 12.

Present at the meeting were scout officials, parents of Cubs and Scouts, members of Boy Scout Troops 200 and 207 and Cub Pack 32. Scoutmaster Stanley Hunn of Troop 207 talked of the Scout program and urged fathers to assist on committees.

Ralph Hall, field commissioner, added his plea for additional scoutmasters and assistants who are urgently needed to carry on the program.

Cubmaster H. C. Gathings officiated, assisted by Harry Noller, Don March and Thomas Montague. Talks on Scout work were given by Eagle Scout Jim Hall, Raymond Orr and Tom Klement during the program.

Cubs honored were Richard Normand, David Oakley, Tom Hannan, Dennis Meyer, Ed Gathings, Allen Sutton, Michael Davis, Chip Peacock, Bruce Smith, Laird Eickmeyer, John Palmer, Lawrence Lucas, Bob Johnson, Gary Biederman, Marlen Clough, Douglas Krotz, John Gillivan, Dick Schuler, Douglas Day, Bob Long, Birch Fitzpatrick and Fritz Gaylord.

Women's Guild Views Slides

Section 1 of the Women's Guild met January 12 at the home of Mrs. Loren Bush on Camino Encinas. Following the serving of dessert, the meeting was opened by devotional readings by Mrs. Jesse McMillan.

Mrs. William Mordy charmed the group with a showing of colored slides of her two trips into Mexico and comments.

She said it was appalling to see everywhere the great contrast between the wealth of the few and the poverty of the many. Mrs. Mordy showed the group textiles, baskets, and silver jewelry which she had brought back with her.

LIONS MEET

Board members of Orinda Lions Club met at the home of President Carl Miller Wednesday night to formulate plans for the future programs of the service club, according to Ken Courtwright, program chairman.

BANK POSITION

Sally Tinkham after spending two years at college accepted a position in the Central Bank, Oakland, and is doing very well and enjoying her work.

Christmas Rush Taxes Facilities At Post Office

December, 1949, will go down in Orinda Post Office history as an extremely busy month, judging by the report of Postmaster Laura Mallary. During the Christmas month, 1,402 sacks of parcel post came into the office for distribution with 169 pouches of letter-mail handled in the week or ten day period preceding Christmas. Two carriers were required on each route working 12 hours a day in order to distribute letters in the Orinda area.

During a peak day, December 19, Postmaster Mallary said 20,000 cancellations on out-going letters were made, with lack of space a serious problem in carrying out the post office duties.

Gross receipts for the last quarter of the year on sale of stamps were \$11,253.34. The December stamp sale doubled that of last year, the Postmaster said, with 87,000 three cent and 54,000 two cent stamps sold.

Over a two week period in the office, 348 sacks of parcel post were dispatched from Orinda, in addition to the many large packages which would not fit into the sacks. Here again, lack of space was a serious drawback with only two windows available for acceptance of parcel post.

Twenty-five persons were employed at the post office during the year, including the extra help required from time to time. Postmaster Mallary reported. The payroll for the last week of the year amounted to \$3,025.60.

Bids are still open for a new post office site and building in Orinda. Specifications for the new office call for 2500 square feet of floor space and space for a "loading zone." According to the postal department, the new building would probably be taken on a five or ten year lease.

Troop 207 Holds Court of Honor

By RAYMOND ORR
Troop 207

On the evening of January 24 Troop 207 is going to have a Court of Honor at the Scout House in Orinda.

A tenderfoot Investiture will be held for new Scouts.

Second Class awards will be presented to Scouts Fred Denhart and Hart Corbett. First Class awards will be presented to Tom Klement and Peter Amdisen. Scouts Dick Doty and Raymond Orr will receive their Star and Life awards respectively.

Merit badges will be presented to Scouts John Spiegl and Raymond Orr. Troop 207 will also take its first snow trip to Pinecrest on January 27. The Scouts will take another snow trip to the Scout winter camp at a later date.

CAMERA CLUB

The Contra Costa Camera Club at its meeting on January 10 awarded two prizes in its contest of pictures on animal subjects. In the amateur class C. P. McVicker won first place with his pastoral scene of sheep. In the advance division Guy Spencer won with his study of calves in a meadow.

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ONE OF THE SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS of the season took place the other P.M. in Orinda. At the X-Roads Restaurant to be exact. Of course only a certain strata of society may have considered it a "high-light" event. People, for example, like Bill Pechart and his pals of "console" fame. The boys who own the "legal" slots of the community, along with their watchdogs, met in Gus Reuter's "Skyroom" at our local bistro. They had a flock of guests, of course. Many of the guests being tavern owners along the strip.

The reason for the gala event? You mean you haven't read the last two issues of the Orinda Sun?

The Rounder has been told that one Tribune man, Al Recht, has been barred from certain nite spots out this way because he wouldn't keep quiet. Does the Rounder come next?

Incidentally, the Sun tipped the Trib about this meeting and the Trib then sent a man out. In turn, the Trib played ball by holding up the story until today.

AND SPEAKING AS WE WERE, of the Crossroads hosted by Don Thompson, reminds us of an amusing — and enlightening — little item we spotted recently. Don, who runs, he tells us, a simple little family dining out spot, picks the darndest places to run an advertisement extolling the virtues of his "family" dining room.

Won't tell the local family trade of the benefits derived from eating prime ribs of beef in his establishment — via local advertising. But he does run an ad in "Hollywood Life." That's the "family" periodical owned by Jimmie Tarantino. Yep — the same character "detained" by S. F. police during the recent shooting up of Mickey Cohen and his boy friends. The same guy who has been battling the S. F. Examiner.

ALL OF WHICH REMINDS US that Elmer Bones Remmer was a visitor during the past weekend. Visited the Strip, that is, and if Orinda is lucky, will possibly have him, once more, as a full fledged local citizen. Remark that he would start construction of his new home — if the government didn't get him for that eight hundred thousand-plus income rap. The general tenure of the conversation being, as usual, "Bones is such a nice guy, how can they do that to him."

ODDS AND ENDS AND ORINDANS: Couple of months ago we heard that the Dramateurs were readying another play for the locals enjoyment. Whether or not the plans fell through is unknown to the Rounder. We heard one interesting bit of information regarding same though. In New York, at present, Carol Channing is making a smash hit with her performance in the play "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." One of our local thespians, cast for a minor role in the play that is to be staged in February, is local barrister George Tyler. And the last theatrical effort made by George was in S. F. when he played in a production including Carol Channing — an amateur too at the time.

The Rounder, after a bit of effort, was successful in getting one local merchant to cooperate and clean up the premises during the last few weeks. And now how about another local business man doing a bit of cooperating. Driven down Avenida del Orinda lately? How about getting those innumerable wrecks done away with, Al? They certainly don't add anything to the attractiveness of the Village.

The "Potter's Wheel" Smiths evidently liked recent editions of the Sun. Sent in a renewal of their own subscription — plus five dollars for two more yearly deliveries of the Sun to whom-ever the Editor felt needed, or deserved, it. Thanks to the Smiths the Sun goes to the Lafayette and the Orinda libraries for one year each.

ORINDANS — COMPLETELY INURED to the steady visits of the Stork, were a little bit puzzled last week. Jean Merrick, who apparently runs one of those "meet your mate" organizations, ran a fair sized advertisement in the Sun, the only paper in these parts so honored. You mean Orindans need assistance in finding a — well, a husband or wife?

Add look-alikes — Baxter, brother of Tommy and Jack, Snow, and Pat Patton ... and hard working people: Bernice Granath, among others, who has a flooded basement.

Then there are some residents who apparently feel that the property between the crossroads and the Christian Science Church should be commercial land rather than an area set aside for a new high school site ... and there are others who wonder why the area, now pasture land, across the Orinda Highway (so called) can't be devoted to commercial use if such is needed.

NATURALLY, THE MOTHER'S CLUB is wondering a bit too. Were supposed to have a County Nurse give them a talking to last week. She wound up quite a few minutes late for her speech — interrupted a very interesting talk given by Mrs. Stark. Nurse didn't give a talk at all but offered to answer a few questions. Managed to evade that too very nicely. Left a lot of the mothers wondering just what the duties of a County Nurse are — and how come Orinda School isn't visited a bit more frequently by one.

ORINDANS ARE ALSO TRYING to get that cocked eyebrow back into place after hearing of the "injured setter pooch." This reported that the owners of that scrawny Setter didn't want it anymore. So they let it run cold, hungry and injured and without care until school authorities finally called the County pound. The owners were called too, we hear. And their reply to the call, we're told, was that they didn't want the dog anymore — that's why they weren't caring for it. Nice people.

THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO, at the last count, individuals who would like to be the next sheriff of our county. At least they've been honest enough to admit the fact that they'll be on the ballot. And of course everyone knows that James "No Comment" Long will be number three.

One of the candidates has a novel idea that he's attempting to sell the electorate. That would be Fred Nettles who figures the county ought to run wide open — gambling and all.

The novelty of Nettles' plan is, of course, that no one would be paid off except the county. And how he expects to achieve that state of affairs in Contra Costa County, to the exclusion of all other, is something the gentleman has as yet to divulge.

AND ON THE SUBJECT OF POLITICS — the Rounder is reminded that he mentioned awhile ago that George Miller Jr., if he were to be blessed with the approval of James Roosevelt, gubernatorial candidate, would run for the office of Lt. Governor. Appears now that the choice rests between him and Ellis Patterson — who hasn't won a political battle in years. Certainly no stable mate for a Roosevelt.

LAST MINUTE FLASH: Walt — Crossroads Restaurant chef — is in the hospital. Recovering from a nervous breakdown.

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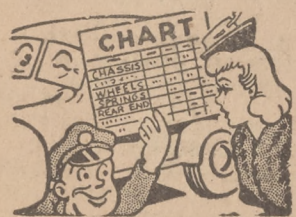
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